

REHABILITATION IN CANADA AHEAD OF OTHER COUNTRIES'

Scale of Treatment and Training Allowances For Example as Good
as in Practically Any Other Country

While it is possible to secure a comprehensive and accurate summary of the provision made in Canada for ex-members of the Forces, the same information is not so readily accessible in other of the allied countries. In some of these countries the work of rehabilitation is yet in a state of flux and the various governmental branches dealing with the former soldier or sailor have not altogether finally determined the extent of their activities. When dealing with the work in Canada it is possible to survey an accomplished result, while in some of the allied countries these important matters are yet in the form of a mere program.

Many statements have been made as to the provisions made by other countries, but investigation reveals that there is very little data available and many of the supposed benefits enjoyed outside of the Dominion exist only in the imagination of fluent talkers who are careless thinkers, and men who desire to make a point without too close regard for accuracy.

Medical Treatment Excellent. Beginning with the Medical services offered by Canada through the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, there is no doubt that this branch is clearly superior to that of other countries engaged in similar work. The superiority has been maintained throughout the service throughout and in the excellent institutional treatment offered to all men suffering from war disability.

In the matter of care of men suffering from tuberculosis, the Canadian system is much better than that of other countries. The sanatorium treatment offered in Canada is more thorough and more complete in all respects.

As a concrete example, while Canada is enabled to offer treatment to a finality for men suffering from this disease, in Great Britain, owing to inadequate sanatorium accommodation, six months is usually the limit of treatment. In Canada when the disease is arrested or cured full disability pension is granted for six months after which the patient is re-examined. In Great Britain there is no such provision, nor is there any follow-up system by which to observe the progress or otherwise of the patient.

The Treatment Allowances. Similarly the scale of treatment allowances for men is more generous in Canada than in other countries, and this scale improves proportionately when the patient is a married man with children.

Allowances for Vocational Training. In the matter of vocational training, all the countries carry on occupational therapy in the hospitals, a plan first adopted by Canada. All offer vocational retraining to men so disabled by service as to be unable to continue in former occupations, but in no country is the training so comprehensive as in Canada, nor in any other country has the number of men undergoing training, or graduated from retraining courses, attained the proportions reached in Canada.

In respect to the training allowances paid by the Canadian, British, Australian, New Zealand and United States governments, the Canadian scale is higher with the single exception that where Canada offers to a single man without dependents \$80 a month while undergoing retraining instruction, the United States offer a single man in similar circumstances \$65 a month, but to all other classes of men undergoing re-training the Canadian rate is substantially higher, and provides for conditions not recognized by other countries, such as, for instance the allowance paid where there are brothers or sisters depending upon the ex-member of the Forces undergoing re-training.

Vocational Interviews. Another point of interest in regard to vocational training is the work of the vocational interviews who so direct and guide a man seeking re-training that there is no over-crowding in any one trade or calling.

As a point in issue, training in Canada is given in 271 industries and occupations, while in Great Britain the number of training opportunities open for disabled men is limited to 46 industries.

Work done by the Information and Service Branch of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment is approached more nearly by the Australian system than by that of any other of the allied countries. In France, however, the system of employment offices for the benefit of ex-members of the forces practically parallels the organization established in Canada.

In Canada the Information and Service Branch was established for the purpose of introducing employment to ex-members of the forces who make application. This branch carries on its work at all district headquarters of the Department and has returned soldier representatives in 84 labor bureaux and special, professional and business offices. It employs in principal and industrial centres labor scouts who interview employers. It acts as a clearing house for inquiries and adjustments of complaints and grievances of soldiers generally. It has dealt with over 475,000 inquiries.

Figures to date ten months after the commencement of the Information and Service Branch, shows as follows:
Applications for employment 90,108
Placements 84,647
Percentage of placements..... 93.9

In Great Britain placement of men in employment is carried on through the labor bureaux which are established in all principal centres. There appears to be no definite machinery for the placement of returned soldiers and no figures are available as to the number of men placed, but a recent estimate of the Prime Minister shows that 350,000 returned soldiers were registered as out of employment and were drawing the out-of-work dole. This dole is paid through the labor bureaux in amounts of \$7.05 a week. It is understood that the operation of this system has never been entirely satisfactory and that as soon as possible the dole will be discontinued.

In Other Countries.
In Australia the Department of Reparation carries on through

its local labor bureaux which act as clearing depots for inquiries and complaints of returned Australian soldiers. Scouts are employed in industrial centres to get in touch with opportunities for work. The discharged soldier, unable to find employment, may be given certain maintenance allowance. During the twelve months ending March 31st, 1919, 43,701 such grants were made. A report up to May 14th, shows that after fourteen months' work, the following results have been achieved:
Applications for employment 47,260
Placements 42,470

Percentage of placements 89.8 per cent
In the United States, immediately on the signing of the armistice, arrangements were completed for the establishment of a number of employment offices but, owing to the failure of Congress to vote the necessary money for their maintenance, they were closed early in 1919. The work of introducing returned men to employment is at present being carried on by voluntary organizations. Altogether the system of benefits offered in Canada is an excellent one and will bear comparison with that of any other country.

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